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(To be used within a few days at our discussions with the Exec., ORE, and General Counsel when drafting the DCI reply to State)

1. CIA and the DCI were established by the National Security Act of 1947 and given thereby certain responsibilities but not authority (as pointed out in the Dulles Report). Accordingly, matters can be resolved only by mutual agreement, i.e. watered-down versions of "Directives", expensive duplication, minimum change from established parochial agency interests to participation in national interests, etc. This study advocates throughout the "co-operative process", co-operation rather than coordination, which latter implies a certain amount of "direction".

2. This State-Defense Study proposes to give both responsibility and authority to a new Committee composed of the various Directors of Intelligence, no longer an Intelligence Advisory Committee, as approved by NSC50 and the Dulles Report, but rather a new National Intelligence Authority. CIA thus becomes just an additional intelligence agency and the DCI's responsibilities in this Study are limited to providing headquarters, staffs and facilities for the new Committee and to <sup>only</sup> the dissemination of the final Estimates and Studies only, prepared by the staffs responsible to the new Committee. The new committee is given the responsibility to initiate, approve, review, recommend and to be responsible collectively for Estimates.

3. The new National Intelligence Group is called an "organic part of CIA". But this new 7th Office of CIA is responsible to and works for the new Committee <sup>only</sup> through the DCI only.

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4. The missions of the Departmental Agencies are to support the new Committee, its National Estimates Staff and its Current Intelligence Staff — not to support CIA and the DEI — and CIA is given a similar "mission".

5. It is thought that even the NSC cannot so distort the intent of Congress and the National Security Act of 1947 as amended.

If it wishes to have a National Intelligence Authority in lieu of a

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or a CIA, or superimposed on a CIA, appropriate legislation should be proposed.

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